

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**January 2010 Winter Storm **

WHEREAS, significant cumulative precipitation coupled with high winds has been predicted by the National Weather Service across Arizona from January 20 through approximately January 23, 2010; and

WHEREAS, this forecasted storm system, coupled with previous precipitation, is expected to lead to significant flooding which poses an extreme danger to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, events of this magnitude cause an increased level of search and rescue missions, flooded homes and businesses, evacuations of people, opening of shelters, power outages, impacts to utility systems, road and bridge closures; and

WHEREAS, given the intensity of this situation it is expected that these demands may impose a severe hardship on local and county emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, State Agencies have started responding and incurring liabilities; and

WHEREAS, Apache, Coconino, Gila, Maricopa and Navajo Counties (to date) have declared emergencies and additional counties are anticipated to declare; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has authorized the expenditure of funds in an event of an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby determine that the January 2010 Winter Storm event justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in Apache, Coconino, Gila, Maricopa and Navajo Counties due to the January 2010 Winter Storm, effective January 21, 2010 and continuing; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$200,000 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
- c. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets; and
- d. Authorize the Adjutant General to mobilize and call to activate all or such part of the Arizona National Guard as is determined necessary to assist in the protection of life and property throughout the State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty first day of January in the Year Two Thousand Ten and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-fourth.

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

